## MESA COUNTY ARRA FUNDING AND PROJECTS

Based on the latest information available to the Governor's Office. This report is not comprehensive because new Recovery Act awards are announced frequently. This does not include funds - including income tax cuts, increased COBRA benefits, increased funds to cover Medicaid services and others - that cannot be broken down by county. The numbers below represent funds that have been awarded and are expected to be received over the life of the Recovery Act. The funds are distributed to a wide range of groups in the county and do not necessarily touch county government.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES / SAFETY NET:**

\$257,546	Community Services Block grant to Mesa county for poverty reduction and revitalization of low-income communities.
\$22,890	Grant to Mesa County to hire two full-time workers and pay overtime to two workers to expedite the processing of applications for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps)
\$1,559,961	Extra 13 percent in food stamp benefits to about 12,500 Mesa County residents.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

\$1,319,660	Grant to the Grand Junction Police Department to hire five police officers for three years through the Community Oriented Policing Services program.
\$56,646	Justice Assistance grant to Mesa County for law enforcement programs.
\$197,922	Justice Assistance grant to the City of Grand Junction for law enforcement programs.
\$11,735	Justice Assistance grant to the City of Fruita for law enforcement programs.
\$250,000	Federal grant to the District Attorney's Office, 21 <sup>st</sup> Judicial District, for improvements to the ACTION database
\$100,000	Federal grant to the Grand Junction Police Department to purchase 800 MHz radios to improve regional communications.

#### TRANSPORTATION:

\$1,552,173	Grant to improve the Palisade interchange (#42) of I-70 by widening acceleration and deceleration lanes.
\$3,800,000	Grant to add one lane in each direction, and add turn lanes at intersections from 24 Road to 25 Road on I-70 near Grand Junction
\$2,065,880	Grant to install new traffic signals west of the I-70 intersection and to make intersection improvements on State Highway 340 in Fruita.

\$1,538,694	Federal grant for a new Grand Valley Transit Bus maintenance facility.
\$9,313,361	Federal grant for ramp improvements at the airport in Grand Junction

# **WORKFORCE SERVICES AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS:**

\$353,873	Workforce Investment Act funds for job training for 114 youth in Mesa County as of Dec. 31, 2009.
\$121,267	Workforce Investment Act funds for job training for 107 adults in Mesa County as of Dec. 31, 2009.
\$91,776	Workforce Investment Act funds for job training for 44 dislocated adult workers in Mesa County as of Dec. 31, 2009.
\$241,308	Wagner Peyser (WP) & Reemployment Services (RES) funds for Mesa County.
\$32,079,772	Up to 20 weeks of additional unemployment benefits, through the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program, to 4,825 Mesa County residents as of June 30, 2010.
\$6,640,250	An additional \$25 per week in unemployment benefits, through the Federal Additional Compensation program, for 10,011 Mesa County residents as of June 30, 2010.
\$1,747,640	An additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits, through a new state law, for 648 Mesa County residents as of June 30, 2010.

## **ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT:**

\$359,800	Energy Efficiency Conservation Block grant to Mesa County to improve energy efficiency in buildings across the county.
\$229,800	Energy Efficiency Conservation Block grant to the City of Grand Junction to improve energy efficiency in buildings across the city.
\$2,459,336	Estimated amount of federal funds through the low-income weatherization program, to improve energy efficiency in low-income homes across Mesa County.
\$58,000	National Park Service grant to repair trails at the Colorado National Monument.
\$605,000	Federal grant to the Colorado River Fish Recovery Program.
\$103,152	New Energy Economic Development (NEED) grant to the Mesa County Valley School District to install Solatube technology at Dos Rios and Pear Park Elementary School.

\$30,000 New Energy Economic Development (NEED) grant to Penikin Inc. to launch the

Colorado Geothermal Heat Exchange Association, a non-profit group that will promote the installation and education of geothermal heat exchange systems.

\$14,700 Rebates for 154 people in Mesa County for the purchase of energy-efficient

appliances including, dishwashers, refrigerators, furnaces, and boilers.

**EDUCATION:** 

\$18,205,186 State Fiscal Stabilization Funds to preserve jobs and programs at Mesa State

College for three fiscal years.

\$2,464,472 Title I funds for Mesa County schools with high percentages of low-income

students.

\$83,676 Education technology grants to three school districts in Mesa County

**\$4,209,626** IDEA funds for services to disabled students in Mesa County.

\$149,724 IDEA funds for services to disabled preschool students in Mesa County.

**\$80,000** McKinney-Vento Title X funds to Mesa County schools for services to students

who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

**\$38,759** Federal Work Study program funds to students at Mesa State College as of Dec.

31, 2009.

**HOUSING:** 

\$142,506 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 8 Housing

Assistance Payments Program to the Grand Junction Housing Authority.

\$804,310 HUD Section 8 Housing Assistance payments to Racquet Club Apartments.

\$127,596 HUD Section 8 Housing Assistance payments to Lower Valley Hospital

Association

**HEALTHCARE:** 

\$11,800,000 Grant to improve chronic disease care in the Grand Junction community through

wider use of healthcare information technology. The Colorado consortium will use the grant to increase collection of clinical data to improve care for patients with diabetes, heart disease and hypertension, to increase smoking cessation counseling and to reduce unnecessary use of emergency department care and

hospital readmission.